STEWART RANCH

(A "Home Sweet Home" in Pine Valley)

Pine Valley in the Uintas is that picturesque stretch of the North Fork of the Provo River, which reaches north from the confluence of the North and South Forks, to Shingle Creek.

Back in the 19th century, when real grey wolves were about, the Lambert Brothers of Kamas mowed hay there, to be fed to cattle in early winter. Later in century it was homesteaded or ranched in four parcels by four individuals.

The turn of the century saw Prof. William M. Stewart of the University of Utah riding down this valley from its upper end. The beauty and tranquility of the Valley, with its meadow, stream and timber setting enthralled the professor. He could not rest until his three brother Attorneys—Charles Biekley, Samuel White and Bernard Joseph came and joined him in buying the entire valley from its possessors.

The new owners soon joined together in an organization—Stewart Ranch. "The property in the Valley has been continuously owned ever since by the Stewarts or their descendants. The Stewart Ranch Company is an active operation and now includes the Reynolds Ranch on the road between Francis and Woodland and other acreage in that vicinity.

Lester and Verner Hewlett purchased some of the land, particularly on the extreme south, adjoining the highway to Wolf Creek Pass, and operated the Hewlett Ranch until Ed Clyde purchased it and now operates it as the Diamond X Ranch.

The following Stewarts have homes in Pine Valley—Isaac M. Stewart, who is very actively engaged in Stewart Ranch operations; George R. Stewart, Josephine Stewart Howells (Mrs. John F. Howells, Jr.), Romney Stewart, Elizabeth Stewart Van Wagoner (wife of the late Earl Van Wagoner), Margaret Stewart Hewlett (wife of the late Lester F. Hewlet), Kaherine Stewart Miller, Byron John Stewart, Nora Stewart Snow (wife of Dr. Robert Snow), Ruth Stewart Romney (wife of Junius S. Romney), and Harold Silver, husband of the late Madelyn Stewart Silver.

For almost 65 years the Stewart Ranch has been a prominent ranching operation in the High Uintas and is beloved by all the Stewarts who call it their "home sweet home."